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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. DAEDALUS CASE (CONFIDENTIAL)

EB HAS ASKED FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION OF THE DAEDALUS CASE
IN THE OPERATING COMMITTEE (THE INTERAGENCY EXPORT CONTROL
COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY COMMERCE) AND IS OPTIMISTIC THAT A
FAVORABLE DECISION MAY BE FORTHCOMING AT THIS WEEK'S
MEETING. DOD, THE MAIN POTENTIAL OBJECTOR, HAS INDICATED
IT HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE CASE. EB HAS ALSO SENT AN
ADVANCE COPY OF THE CASE TO COCOM SO THAT PROCESS CAN
GET UNDERWAY.

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2. PRC S&T MEETING (CONFIDENTIAL)

A "CHINA DAY" ON THE STATUS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN
THE PRC WAS HELD MARCH 1 AT CIA. AN INTERAGENCY GROUP,
THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE (STIC),
SPONSORED THE ALL-DAY CONFERENCE. JOE BORICH FROM INR AND

I GAVE PRESENTATIONS, AS DID REPRESENTATIVES FROM CIA, NSA, AND DOD. THE MEETING WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SOME CHINA PERSPECTIVE FOR MEMBERS OF THE STIC.

3. FACILITATED CODEL (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MIKE OKSENBERG AND STAPE ROY MET FEBRUARY 27 WITH CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE MARCH 23 - APRIL 5 FACILITATED CODEL TO CHINA. ALTHOUGH EXTENDED SENATE DEBATE OVER THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES MAY AFFECT THE TRIP, SENATORS BENTSEN AND CHILES AND CONGRESSMEN FOLEY, REUSS, MICHEL, AND GILLIS LONG APPEAR DEFINITE AS CODEL MEMBERS AND THE WHITE HOUSE IS ATTEMPTING TO LINE UP TWO ADDITIONAL SENATORS.

AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE ALSO SEEKING WAYS TO ASSIST BOTH SENATOR SPARKMAN AND THE SLACK SUBCOMMITTEE IN THEIR HOPES TO TRAVEL TO CHINA THIS YEAR.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF THE GOVERNORS DELEGATION (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

WITH THE GOVERNORS DELEGATION DOWN TO FIVE MEMBERS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL DROPOUTS, GOVERNOR ASKEW OF FLORIDA, WHO WAS HEADING THE GROUP, DECIDED TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY. WE HOPE THAT A LARGER GROUP OF GOVERNORS

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MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP LATER IN THE YEAR.

5. BINGHAM SUBCOMMITTEE: NO HEARINGS YET (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

DESPITE REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES WHALEN'S PREDICTION (REPORTED EARLIER TO YOU) THAT FEBRUARY HEARINGS WOULD BE HELD ON A PRC TECHNOLOGY SALE CASE, THE BINGHAM SUBCOMMITTEE HAS NOT ANNOUNCED SUCH HEARINGS. WE ARE CONTENT TO LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE.

6. PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

WE HAVE JUST ABOUT COMPLETED, BY A MEETING WITH JOHN LLOYD ON TUESDAY, A MARATHON EFFORT WITH PERSONNEL TO AGREE UPON NEARLY A SCORE OF ASSIGNMENTS (BELOW COUNSELOR LEVEL) OF CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS FOR THIS SUMMER AND LATER INVOLVING THE DEPARTMENT (EA/PRCM AND INR/REA), TAICHUNG, TAIPEI, HONG KONG AND PEKING.

7. ... AND THE CHINA SPECIALTY (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

HARVEY FELDMAN AND I, ALONG WITH GEORGE BEASLEY, MET WEDNESDAY WITH NANCY RAWLS AND CARLETON COON (FSI) TO STRESS THE NEED FOR UPGRADED CHINESE LANGUAGE TRAINING. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE LANGUAGE COMPETENCE OF THE FSO GRADUATES OF THE FSI PROGRAM MUST BE RAISED. THIS IS

PART OF OUR EFFORT TO IMPROVE, OVER THE LONG TERM, THE QUALITY OF CHINA SPECIALIST CADRE. FOR THIS PURPOSE, WE ARE ALSO TAKING STEPS THAT WOULD AFFECT PRE-AND POST-TRAINING PROCEDURES: INSURING THAT THE BEST CANDIDATES - THOSE WITH SUBSTANTIVE AS WELL AS LINGUISTIC PROMISE - APPLY FOR AND ARE SELECTED FOR TRAINING IN THE FIRST PLACE; DEVELOPING A MORE RATIONAL PROCESS FOR ONWARD ASSIGNMENTS AFTER TRAINING. IN OUR TRIPS TO OUR CHINA
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POSTS LAST FALL, HARVEY AND I MET WITH VIRTUALLY EVERY LANGUAGE OFFICER AT THE POSTS AS PART OF THE EFFORT TO REFINE OUR THINKING ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED. ONE RESULT WAS TO CONFIRM OUR EARLIER-REACHED CONCLUSION THAT THE CHINA SPECIALTY NEEDED REPAIR. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP DIRECTLY WITH FSI AND WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE. CHRISTOPHER

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